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SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BENNETT AT USNATO

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMB AND MRS. BENNETT INTEND TO
ARRIVE BRUSSELS ON 2 MAY BY BEA 244 AT 1000 HOURS LOCAL
AND THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON SYG LUNS ON
THAT DATE.

2. REGRETTABLY, 2 MAY IS EUROPEAN MAYDAY HOLIDAY AND
NATO HQ WILL BE CLOSED. THE SYG WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY
THE MORNING OF 3 MAY AND THE AFTERNOON OF 4 MAY. THE
HOLIDAY WILL ALSO MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE
APPROPRIATE PRESS COVERAGE AT AIRPORT FOR AMBASSADOR'S
ARRIVAL.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT SOME SIXTY US
NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) STUDENTS WILL BE
AT USNATO ALL DAY 2 MAY FOR INTENSIVE US BRIEFINGS
FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN THEIR HONOR THAT EVENING AT
BRUSSELS HILTON. DINNER WILL FEATURE SYMPOSIUM
INCLUDING UK, DANISH AND FRG PERMREPS AND, SHOULD
AMBASSADOR WISH, HE COULD MODERATE SYMPOSIUM. IF
NOT, DCM WOULD PLAN TO FILL IN FOR HIM.

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4. GIVEN 2 MAY HOLIDAY, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO CONSIDER
DEFERRING ARRIVAL UNTIL 3 MAY, WITH CALL ON LUNS ON
4 MAY. ALTERNATIVELY, IF AMBASSADOR ARRIVES 2 MAY,
HE COULD USE THAT DAY FOR REST, POSSIBLY ATTEND NDU
DINNER, AND CALL ON LUNS MORNING OF 3 MAY.

5. TO RECONFIRM INFO PASSED BY ADMIN COUNSELOR TO
EUR/EX ON 22 APRIL BY PHONE:

A. THERE ARE NINETY-NINE RUNNING FEET OF BOOKSHELF SPACE

IN RESIDENCE AND ONE HUNDRED IN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE.

B. MATERIAL USED BY AMB AND MRS. BRUCE IN RESIDENCE DINING ROOM WAS SCORCHED BY INDIRECT LIGHTING AND TORN BEYOND FURTHER USE WHEN TAKEN DOWN. REPLACEMENT MATERIAL CAN BE FOUND LOCALLY OR IN LONDON.

C. OF SEVEN AUTHORIZED SERVANT POSITIONS AT RESIDENCE, PREVIOUS AMBASSADOR FILLED ONLY SIX. OF THESE, TWO VACANCIES CURRENTLY EXIST AND RECRUITMENT IS UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE CANDIDATES FOR INTERVIEW. DEMAND IN BRUSSELS DOES NOT FACILITATE QUICK REPLACEMENT AS CANDIDATES ARE USUALLY FOREIGN THEREBY COMPLICATING SECURITY VETTING. THE RESIDENCE CAN BE MAINTAINED FOR REASONABLE PERIOD WITH HOUSEKEEPER/SOCIAL SECRETARY, BUTLER, COOK AND MAID CURRENTLY ON BOARD.

6. RESIDENCE WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY AND WILL BE PRESTOCKED WITH FOOD UPON ARRIVAL. SOME REDECORATING WILL STILL BE UNDERWAY BUT SHOULD NOT INCONVENIENCE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BENNETT. STREATOR

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